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WEATHER  
Tonight fair, probably  
killing frost in south.

## SECRET STRIKE ON SANTE FE EXPOSED

### LEGION NAMES CANDIDATES AT MONDAY MEET

Four Men Have Hats in  
Ring for Post Commander  
and Five for Adjutant;  
Full List Out.

### ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOV. 27

Fell Made Report on Opening  
of State Memorial Hospital  
on Armistice Day.

Nomination of officers to serve during the coming year were made at the business session of the George R. Anderson post of the American Legion conducted at the rooms of the organization in Convention Hall Monday night. That the race for election will be closely contested is indicated by the number of men nominated for the various positions.

The nominees are: for post commander, T. B. Orr, Ford Whitehurst, Dr. G. E. Johnson, and G. T. McVeigh; for post adjutant, E. J. McNamara, Mark Davis, R. Stanley Taylor, Frank Schneider, and Paul Shelby; for vice post commanders (three to be elected), Elias Egly, H. M. Mahoney, W. F. Ramsey, and Ernest Grunert; for finance officer, Marvin Franklin; for post historian, Henry Henshaw, for sergeant-at-arms, Young Alexander, and Robert Halborn; for executive committee, Freeman Galt, Richard Eckels, Ralph McCann, Jack Murphy, Bill Ayres, Ben Hunter, Marshall Wilson and Moss Bryant.

Election on Nov. 27

Election of officers will take place on Monday, November 27.

The adjutant is preparing to mail out queries to be used as votes by proxy which will determine whether or not an amendment is to be made to the constitution relative to the method of voting by proxy. Should the vote on this question carry, it will eliminate the proxy vote.

An interesting report on the opening of the soldier's hospital at Muskogee was made by H. B. Bell, who also spoke on the coming Red Cross drive.

### 40-8 Hold Meet

The 40-8000 and 8-4000 met immediately after the legion session. Eugene McNamara reported on the activities of the 40-8's at the New Orleans national convention. Plans now under way by the members of this side order call for an extensive membership campaign which will greatly increase the total on its roll. Nomination of officers for the 40-8 will be held immediately after the election of officers by the legion on November 27.

### DIRECTORS PLAN BIGGEST FAIR IN COUNTY HISTORY

The Board Hopes to Be Able  
to Secure Building for  
Use of Merchants  
Display.

The board of directors of the Carter County fair association are beginning plans for the fair to be held next September, and are getting an early start in order to make this the biggest and best one ever held here.

Ira Arnold, member from Lone Grove was in the city yesterday and stated that he was looking over matters with a view of making suggestions at the next meeting of the board that would benefit the coming fair.

The principal thing that the directors are centering upon at this time is getting out the premium list early.

It is planned to have this list in the hands of the public not later than June first, in order that farmers and stock men will know what to prepare for.

Considerable delay was experienced this year in paying off premiums to successful winners, but a plan has been evolved that will do away with that feature in the future, and every winner will be paid on the fair grounds as soon as his winnings are announced.

The board of directors are going to make an effort to secure another large building for the exclusive use of merchants, but whether they will be able to accomplish this or not is still problematical, however the plan is being worked on, and the board hopes to succeed.

The merchants of the city have not taken the interest in the fair that they would have taken had a suitable building been prepared for them, and if the city builds such a structure it is believed that the fair will be a greater success than it is at present.

L. W. Williams, of Des Moines, Iowa, is in Ardmore visiting A. E. Brand master mechanic with the O. N. M. and P. railroad. Mr. Williams was formerly boss boiler maker with the Chicago and Great Western railway. He may locate in this city.

## Banditry and Disorders Follow Earthquake

### War Ships Bring News of Disaster In Other Towns

SANTIAGO.—Reports of banditry and disorder in the earthquake district, together with news of additional earth shocks and indications that the calamity has reached appalling proportions, caused the Chilean government today to consider the advisability of sending troops to Coquimbo and Atacama to reinforce the regular garrisons which are too small to cope with the situation and aid in relief work.

Outlawry broke out last night in the town of Valparaiso, the chief sufferer from the earthquake, where, it is estimated 1,000 of the inhabitants perished, while reports of robberies and holdups came from other places in the affected region.

The arrival of war vessels at the northern ports of Chile brought wireless reports of disaster from towns and villages, not previously heard from, including the large town of Freirina, augmenting greatly the number of reported casualties which are now variously estimated at between 1,500 and 2,000 dead with numberless injured and homeless.

### ROAD BOOSTERS VISIT WILSON FOR BIG MEET

The Band and Long Caravan  
Leaves at Noon; 200 Delegates  
From District  
for Convention.

On to Wilson!

This was the spirit at noon today when the Ardmore band and caravan of 25 cars to Wilson to attend the district convention of the D.C.D. highway association there this afternoon and tonight.

G. A. Ramsey, head of the good roads division of the Chamber of Commerce was in charge of the caravan and is expected to make one of the principal talks of the meeting.

Secretary Palmer of the highway association is in Wilson, having gone there several days ago to make arrangements for one of the biggest district meetings of the year.

200 Delegates There

More than 200 delegates are expected and nearly every town on the route in this district is to have a representation.

Much of the business of the convention will be transacted Wednesday when several important speakers are scheduled to deliver talks on good roads and maintenance. A dinner is to be served to the delegates Wednesday noon, it is announced.

### Walton May Have Something Else to Say About Poultry

According to rumor Jack Walton, governor-elect, once made the remark that "there's a lot of birds in Southern Oklahoma, going to vote for me."

Just how near right he was, has not been ascertained, but within a short time, he'll have something more to say about Southern Oklahoma's birds.

J. B. Spragins, raiser of fine poultry recently had about 25 fine turkeys stolen from his ranch. Now if these turkeys are returned, Mr. Spragins is going to present them to Mr. Walton for his inaugural barbecue.

A Woodford farmer—who doesn't want his name mentioned—says that he's going to send every young pullet and old, rough-neck rooster to the capitol to be served up at the feast.

### McCarty Leaves the Ringling for New Job With Frisco

O. H. McCarty, retiring vice president and general manager of the Ringling railroad, left last night for Fort Worth, Texas, where he will enter upon his new duties with the Frisco Lines in Texas.

Local railway officials report that no successor to Mr. McCarty has been named by the Ringling interests, but a movement was started after the resignation of Mr. McCarty to have C. L. Smith, local agent, as his successor. Mr. McCarty was connected with the Ringling interests here for a number of years and was only persuaded to make change by reason of a better paying position.

### Secretary Denby Surrenders



Secretary of the Navy Denby, who once enlisted in the Marines, is shown here surrendering to the demands of four-year-old Beverly Moffett and enlisting in the Red Cross. Miss Beverly, daughter of Admiral Moffett, is the youngest Red Cross worker.

### EXPERTS INQUIRE INTO SANITY OF NEGRO CONVICT

Elias Ridge Who Faces  
Chair for Murder of  
Woman Under Investi-  
gation By Asylum Men

### YOUTH HAS MIND OF OLD CRIMINAL, SAID

Condemned Spends Much Time  
Reading Bible; Eats and  
Sleeps Well.

McALESTER, OKLA.—In all probability Elias Ridge, 14 year old negro, will go to the electric chair at the state penitentiary early Friday morning. Governor Robertson, on a recent visit here warned the negro that his time would be short and intimated no interference would be made by staying the execution.

The governor, however, did state that he would send physicians from the Virginia insane asylum to examine the negro youth to determine if he showed any trace of insanity.

In his cell, Elias Ridge spends a greater portion of his time each day reading a Bible presented him by the prison chaplain, and at meal times he eats ravenously and with sundown goes to sleep without a moment's loss of time. He is considered by keepers of the row to be a youth only in years, but in every other respect apparently twenty years older than the 14 years he has lived, and possessing a character such as only criminals possess. Unless sentence is commuted Ridge will die early Friday morning.

### To Probe Sanity

OKLAHOMA CITY.—At the direction of Governor J. B. A. Robertson, a committee composed of Dr. A. R. Lewis, state superintendent of public health, and the superintendent of the insane asylums at Vinland and Norman are at McAlester today to inquire into the sanity of Elias Ridge, 14 year old negro boy, who is held in the state penitentiary awaiting execution Friday morning.

The announcement was made by the governor's secretary, who added that the committee would seek to determine if he has given his correct age. The governor would not indicate what action was intended should the youth be adjudged insane or if it is found that his purpose of age is incorrect.

### OIL FIELD ROAD TO BE BEGUN SOON, SAID

The board of county commissioners adjourned yesterday afternoon for the month after completing county business.

Chairman Taylor stated that work on the four miles of road from Hewitt north to the oil fields would start at once.

Ben Cox, successful bidder on this contract, announced that he was ready and if weather conditions are favorable will complete the road in record time.

Lyddite, the big explosive, is so called after the English town of Lydd, in Kent, the place of its first manufacture.

Only a man with money to burn can afford fireworks.

### Elected



Rhode Island's first woman to be elected to the House of Representatives is Mrs. Isabelle Albert O'Neill of Providence.

### City Slicker Goes South and May Be Laughing Too

Another J. Rufus Wallingford is being sought by the police today. Since he goes by so many aliases, police are puzzled to know what name to use in their search.

The man in person came to Ardmore early last week from Texas, and introduced himself as a representative of a contracting firm. He hired a stenographer, made inquiries as to offices, and placed orders for some \$400 worth of office furniture and supplies; moved himself into a cozy boarding house and made friends rapidly.

Last night some of his friends started searching for him—so did the police. In addition to "jumping" all his other obligations he wore off a friend's overcoat and forgot to pay his board and laundry bills.

To cap it off, the police have found about a dozen men to whom he had promised employment at a neat wage.

### ASSOCIATED CHARITY TO START CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Ben Lindsey of the Ardmore Associated Charities, announces that the 17 boxes which were put out by the association in the downtown district were opened Monday and the sum of \$4.52, mostly in pennies, was secured.

Mrs. Lindsey stated that representatives of the association will call on the business men the latter part of the week in an effort to make out the necessary amount to continue the work.

City Manager Rick Dyer is in Kansas City this week attending a meeting of the C. Manager's association of the southwestern states.

These black crepe dresses are mournful for short skirts.

## AMERICAN WOMEN IN REVOLT

Defy Dictates of Paris and Set Up Own Skirt Lines

Rebellion is rampant in America! America's women have revolted against Paris fashion dictators.

And in casting off their bondage to the whims of the French modiste, American women are creating distinctly American fashions.

These facts were obtained in a national survey made today by NEA Service for The Ardmoreite.

Length of skirts caused it all.

The long period of "freedom of the knee" was decreed ended by Paris some time ago.

Furthermore, this long skirt renaissance was to be no halfway measure, declared the French fashion experts. "Clear to the ground," read the decree.

The word was broadcast throughout America. The modistes began designing them along "streamline" specifications. The department stores put the long skirt dresses and suits on display everywhere and began to stock up for the usual fall rush.

But the rush failed to materialize, today's survey shows.

Used to the comfort of free motion allowed by the short skirts, American

women, in the main, have refused to don the clinging long-skirted Paris creations.

A few bought them. Most women did not. Furthermore, they say they won't, Paris or to Paris.

"The flapper type, knowing it will pass out of favor with the lengthening of the dresses, is certain to fight tooth and nail against any move against the short skirt," declared one fashion expert a few months ago.

That expert spoke advisedly. Not only is the outspoken flapper aroused to action, but practically all of the clubwomen, society women, educators, professional women and women health authorities in the United States are supporting her in refusing to sanction France's whims.

All over the land are signs of insurrection. "Preposterous," "just plain ugly," "unhealthy," "silly,"—are the declarations of American women concerning the French skirts.

The final result is that at the period of the year when the women are usually garbed in accordance with the newest mode, shops are still stocked with ex-

tremely long gowns, and women are wearing just what length of skirt they please—and most of them are short.

Out of this chaos, however, comes America's first constructive individual style movement. For while American womanhood isn't going to let Parisian ateliers foist ludicrous dresses on her, neither, apparently, is she going to let the youthful flapper be the arbiter of the apparel question.

Seven inches from the ground—that is the skirt length the American de facto style dictators have decreed. That's a big come-down from the demands of the flapper, but the result is a skirt that not only modifies the French styles, but retains the freedom of movement that was one of the greatest advantages of the abbreviated dresses.

The most active warfare over the French skirt is raging in Los Angeles. Its beaches are bringing flocks of the fashionable and wealthy in for the winter. They favor the shorter skirts. Between these and the movie stars—who must keep ahead of the styles—the long skirt controversy is bound to meet an acid test this winter.

"Short dresses and their appropriate

complement give a resemblance of youth, and aging women will be loath to surrender this," declares one California modiste who knows human nature.

New York, however, sees a predominance of long skirts in the smart restaurants, at the new revues and wherever fashionable people gather. They range from ankle length to five inches from the ground. This, say Gotham's designers, is the reaction from the short skirt, and since it has been so well received by New York, they believe the rest of the country will follow suit.

Parisian importers in New York bring first news of French modistes' surrender to Yankee resentment. Already, shorter skirts are being shown on the Paris boulevards, and the importers whisper confidentially that the long skirt is a temporary matter, to be replaced soon by a conservative length. This is considered a victory for American womanhood.

Generally throughout the south, the long skirt has been accepted as the mode—temporarily. But not, however, without open expressions of opinion that the seven-inch skirt would be more welcome.

### ALL OPERATIONS CAREFULLY MADE AND KEPT QUIET

Letter Made Public at Albuquerque Today Dated on Nov. 7 and Signed By Union Secretary.

### LETTER NOT READ IN OPEN MEETING

Purpose of Alleged Strike Was to Give Management Worry, It Is Said.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—A letter bearing the typewritten signature of W. S. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the machinists' union on the Santa Fe system, which Mr. Patterson admits writing, has been made public here. It refers to a proposed strike on the Santa Fe system to be called November 15. The letter is dated Albuquerque, Nov. 7, and is addressed to "all chairmen." It follows in part:

"The enclosed circular letter, I believe, is self-explanatory.

"In order to make this effective, it will have to be handled very carefully. Mail one of these to all an unprintable name is used) whose names and addresses you are able to secure up to the 12th, not before, then endeavor to have some of them turned loose in the shops on Monday, the 13th. It might be a good idea also to have some of them posted around the shops, but be careful not to get caught posting them, because it might be construed as a violation of the Daugherty injunction.

### Secret Stuff

"Don't read this in your meeting or let any information concerning it get beyond your executive committee on the 12th.

"You may not be able to start a movement of this kind at your point, but this will at least serve the purpose of giving the management some worry and anything that damages the moral of the bosses helps us just that much. However, I want to say to you that this walkout is going to occur at some other points, and if these birds in your shops have their own welfare at heart, will get busy and make it unanimous. This is a cold-blooded business proposition. We want to win the strike and win it quick, and, believe me, if those fellows can be induced to wait out the jig will be up right now.

"My activities in this matter may mean trouble for me, therefore do not, under any circumstances, permit this circular to get out of your possession and be careful not to reveal to any one from what source the enclosure came to you."

The enclosure referred to, Patterson admitted, was one also dated November 7, and signed "the committee," purporting to have been written by union shop men on the Santa Fe who either did not strike July 1, last, or who have returned to work since that date, and urging all organized workers on the road to strike November 15.

### Appointment of Farm Assistant Is Not Made Yet

There have been no new developments in regard to appointing an assistant county farm agent, according to O. L. Putnam, county agent, who said yesterday that an effort was being made to appoint George L. Dyer to the place.

Mr. Dyer has worked with the farm agent for some time, and is thoroughly familiar with the work. His friends are urging the district agent to name him as assistant to Mr. Putnam.

When an assistant agent was first appointed it was decided that he must live in the western part of the county but recent events tend to show this unnecessary, and for that reason Mr. Dyer is the most promising candidate that has been mentioned for the place.

County agent Putnam has been busy for the past few days getting out reports on club work and expresses the hope that he will soon be in position to visit every section of the county and assist farmers with their work.

### IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT CITY HALL

Members of the fire department are about to see one of their fondest dreams come true, in changes that are being made at the City Hall this week.

A large rest room is being erected by moving some of the walls on the second floor. The court and council room is being worked over and refurnished and the office of the city clerk is being enlarged.

These changes will be completed by the end of next week, it is planned.

Two 20 x 30 white girls were transferred to county authorities this morning by the police on charges of shoplifting. They are charged with having lifted wearing apparel from the J. C. Penney store.

One hazardous calling is calling a man a liar.